Scheme for revival of BCCL and CCL is under formulation by respective coal companies. No operating agency has been appointed by BIFR for BCCL and CCL. It may, however, be mentioned that as per the provisional result of 2002-03, CCL is expected to make a profit of more than Rs. 300 crores.

Investigation into accident at Murpar Coal Mines

1031. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singareni Collieries Ltd. has made investigation into the accident on 28th January, at Murpar Coal Mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proper compensation has been provided to the victims of accident;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether any officer has been found guilty during the enquiry: and

(g) if so, the action taken against these officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no coal mines named 'Murpar' in Singareni Collieries Company Limited. However, an accident occurred in Murpar colliery of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) on 28-1-2003.

The enquiry on the accident was conducted by the Executive Director (Safety & Rescue), WCL and the submitted the report to Director (Technical/Projects & Planning) on 22nd March, 2003. Statutory enquiry under the Mines Act has also been conducted by Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS).

(c) and (d) The compensation provided to the next kin of the victims are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of Deceased	Designation	Compensation paid (In Rs.)
1.	Abdul Salam	Asst. Foreman	3,98,800/-
2.	Ramashrey Kushwaha	Asst. Foreman	4,23,580/-
3.	Rajanand Ramanath	Fitter Helper	3,73,800/-
4.	Arvind Khandekar	Mech. Fitter	3,98,800/-

(e) Question does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir. The following officials from the mine management have been found responsible:

(i) Two Executive Engineers (ii) One Colliery Engineer (iii) One Superintendent Engineer Civil, (iv) One Dy. CE (v) the Manager and (vi) and Agent.

(g) Prosecution has been launched against all these officials.

Co-operation in mining with foreign countries

†1032. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which agreements for co-operation have been arrived at for mining rare commodities like 'slates' in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the benefits derived by the State as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the co-operation by India with other countries in mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Coal has not entered into agreements for co-operation with any country for mining rare commodities like 'slates' in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) With respect to co-operation in the mining of coal, Joint Working Groups on Coal, Energy and Minerals at Government level have been set up with Russia, U.K., China, Canada, Germany, Poland, France, Australia and U.S.A.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.